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The Appeal Brief filed on <u>12 September 2003</u> is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c). See MPEP § 1206.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file IN TRIPLICATE a complete new brief in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c) within the longest of any of the following three **TIME PERIODS**: (1) **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer; (2) **TWO MONTHS** from the date of the notice of appeal; or (3) within the period for reply to the action from which this appeal was taken. **EXTENSIONS OF THESE TIME PERIODS MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136**.

The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 1.192(c), or the items are not under the proper

		he	ading or in the proper order.
2.		Th ap	e brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, pending or cancelled, or does not identify the pealed claims (37 CFR 1.192(c)(3)).
3.		At sta	least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a tement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 1.192(c)(4)).
4.		Th an	e brief does not contain a concise explanation of the claimed invention, referring to the specification by page d line number and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 1.192(c)(5)).
5.		Th	e brief does not contain a concise statement of the issues presented for review (37 CFR 1.192(c)(6)).
6.		A s	single ground of rejection has been applied to two or more claims in this application, and
	(a)		the brief omits the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet presents arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
	(b)		the brief includes the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet does not present arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
7.		Th	e brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each issue on appeal (37 CFR 1.192(c)(8)).
8.	\boxtimes	Th	e brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 1.192(c)(9)).
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Paper 27 was an Advisory Action, indicating the proposed amendment would NOT be entered. The following Final Rejection of 3/13/03 (paper 28) was sent subsequent to receiving amendment C; and addressed the claims as they stood with respect to Amendment B. Amendment C, upon which the current brief is based, was NOT entered. The brief indicates the status of claims reflects Amendment C and presents arguments addressing the claims including the claim feature as modified by Amendment C, however for pending claims 1-16. Presently, the pending claims are 1-16 and the claim feature intended to be modified by Amendment C, is ONLY present in claims 3, 7, 11 and 15.

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